

submits that the preceding copy of amended claim 1 fully and completely responds to the October 9, 2002, Office Communication.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement.

Applicant believes that no additional fee is required for filing the revised amendment set forth in this response.

It appears that this response to the October 9, 2002 Office Communication, is being timely filed. However, if this response is deemed not to be timely filed, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the Applicant hereby conditionally petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely.

If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus in the enclosed fee to Deposit Account no. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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